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## Summer season should unite soccer

We'll have summer soccer from October next year.

The Philips League will play its normal winter season, have a short break, then start again in October.

From then on the PSL season will run from October to May, perhaps with a short break in late December - early January.

Soccer's marketing company recommended the switch to summer in 300 pages of documents presented last week.

The Philips League management committee has accepted this and other recommendations from the marketing report.

The full council of club meeting is expected to adopt summer soccer officially at its meeting on September 5.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

What does the decision mean? Some say it will destroy the PSL, perhaps even kill some players through heat exposure. It's certainly not that drastic.

Matches will not be played at the hottest time of day. Many will be night matches on Fridays or Wednesdays. Others will utilize daylight saving time on the weekends.

In extreme temperatures, games will be called off, just as they are called off when rain makes grounds unfit.

Summer soccer clearly is an emergency measure.

The clubs have been unable to draw crowds that justify the high cost of operating in the Philips League.

They believe that in summer, the crowds will increase.

Talk about attracting non-soccer followers must be taken with a large grain of salt.

However, it is reasonable to assume that soccer converts who now follow a State League, Metropolitan League, amateur, junior or Industrial League club will come to PSL matches when their own leagues are over.

The State Leagues are rejoicing.

They are left alone now to operate without competition from PSL matches.

And the fans of the PSL clubs, with no other winter competitions to watch, may go to the occasional State League game.

Various levels of soccer thus will help each other.

It's worth a try, certainly.

Anything that can unite soccer is worth a try.

As an alternative, the PSL clubs could have returned to their respective State Leagues and played a national tournament at the end of the year.

That however, would have hurt a lot of people's pride.

It would have been a solution for the Melbourne and Sydney clubs who would go back to join other strong clubs like Croatia, Ajax, St. George, Melita Eagles, George Cross etc.

Brisbane's clubs similarly could have gone into Queensland's thriving State League, but Newcastle, Wollongong, Canberra and the Adelaide clubs would have been left out in the cold.

It can be seen as the summer soccer decision as a desperate measure to save a dying league, or a determined and potentially successful boost to soccer's status in Australia.

Let's go with the latter.

On pages 2-4 we reprint in detail the most pertinent sections of the marketing report.

# Youth team takes over

By  
LAURIE  
SCHWAB

The national youth team will play Australia's remaining World Cup matches against Taiwan in Taipei and Indonesia in Djakarta.

Australia cannot advance in the World Cup as New Zealand won the Oceania qualifying group by beating Fiji 13-0 in Auckland last Sunday.



David Mitchell (left) and Gary Cole - they scored 10 goals between them against Fiji last Friday.

### Cole sets sights on the crown

Gary Cole is out to regain his crown as PSL goalscoring king when Heidelberg United and Marconi meet at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday) at 7.30 pm.

Current top scorer, Alan Evans of South Melbourne Hellas, is sidelined with a hamstring injury so Cole has the chance to finish as leading scorer for the second consecutive season.

And Marconi's defence could be like lambs sent to the slaughter tonight if the powerful, explosive Bergers' striker hits his straps.

The big blond goal king is recovering from a form slump earlier this season and is set to wreak havoc on Marconi.

Pity help Bertie Marconi and Tony Henderson if they get in Cole's way.

Mario and Peter Brogan are the likely markers for Cole and Jamie Paton, with Henderson sweeping up behind them.

It's the sort of defence which inspires humours to concoct symbols of fragility and vulnerability.

I don't envy Marconi's caretaker coach Luciano Nesi. Marconi president Tony Labbozetta claims that his players let down former coach Raul Blanco, so how can Nesi motivate a squad whose core consists of despondent Socceroos?

Spain must seem like a million miles away. So will two points when Heidelberg is finished with Marconi.

While on the topic of great distance West Adelaide may grab a point from Sydney Olympic at Hindmarsh Stadium tonight (Wednesday) but it still has a long, trouble strewn trail to traverse before the PSL bosses decide whether or not Wests' PSL status will remain intact for the 1982 season - CRAIG MACKENZIE.

The squad leaves on Sunday night, after the round of PSL matches.

Scheinflug will cut his youth squad from 22 to 18 players for the tour.

The automatic choices (include): Glen Ahearn, Brett Woods, Jim Patikas (Sydney City); Steve Blair (St Meib Hellas); Robert Wheatley (Blacktown); Peter Raskopoulos (Sydney Olympic); John Little (Preston Makedonia); Dave Skeen (St. George); David Mitchell, Charlie Villani (Adelaide City), and Ian Hunter (Marconi).

Scheinflug said on Monday he still was undecided about the No. 2 goalkeeping position.

Brett Beeves, (Swansea-Belmont), David Miller (West Adelaide) and Dennis Ivanac (AIS) have been tried by Scheinflug.

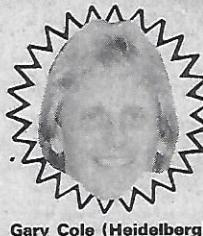
Ivanac has gone on the AIS tour to England, as has Oscar Crino, and Scheinflug hopes the experience will make up for missing the World Cup tour.

Scheinflug said John Little, star of matches against New Caledonia recently, definitely would be in his squad.

Paul Kay, a star of NSW

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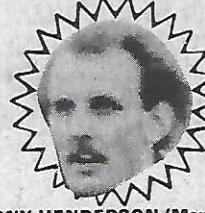
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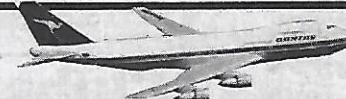
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## The PSL's five commandments

As a result of the marketing report, the PSL management committee has made five firm decisions.

These however, still have to be ratified by the council of clubs on September 5.

The decisions are:

1. The PSL playing season should be changed to October–May from next year but whether or not there should be a Christmas break should be subject to further discussion.

2. A full-time PSL executive director should be appointed as soon as possible.

3. Participation in league fund-raising activities should be compulsory for all PSL clubs.

4. PSL clubs should participate in Cup competitions organised by State federations.

5. A sub-committee should work on setting up a zoned, national youth league and reducing imported players over the next five years, by increasing the number of Australian-born players in each PSL team.

The PSL management also has suggested to the Council of Clubs that the

new executive director and relevant sub-committees study:

1. Zoning the PSL into north and south divisions as soon as 24 suitable clubs are available.

2. Getting Western Australia and Tasmania into the PSL as soon as possible.

3. Franchising of the league and individual clubs.

4. Bringing overseas clubs to Australia on tours organised by the PSL.

5. Setting up a players' association.

6. Running technical and administrative workshops to provide better-trained club administrators.

7. Making the Philips Cup into a more prestigious tournament.

8. Eliminating drawn matches.

9. From 1982, making sure all players wear their names on the back of their shirts and track suits.

10. Introducing an indoor soccer league.

Most of these points are covered in more detail on these pages.

# ENGLAND

## BEATEN

## BY THE FUTUROOS



used by all soccer league clubs in future.

The new rule allowing up to three substitutes to be made at the start of each 30-minute quarter in pro-soccer matches has now received unanimous support from all coaches in this country.

The New South Wales State Soccer Federation set up a series of crash coaching schools for school teachers in an effort to cope with the 200,000 young boys and girls now playing as junior soccer players in that State.

The year also saw the introduction of mixed teams of boys and girls competing at school and local club level which is now allowable in all teams with players under 13 years of age.

The previous month Australia defeated Japan 3-0 in Newcastle to secure a place at the 1990 World Cup being played for the first time in the United States.

Australia started as joint equal favourites with the United States to take out this prestigious world event which attracted a television viewing audience of over 8 billion.

The final was eventually won by Canada, defeating Brazil 2-0.

Australian national coach, Craig Johnston, obtained permission from the English Football Association to leave four of the Australian national team members released from English First Division duties one month prior to the World Cup so they were able to join the Socceroos on their World Cup tournament warm-up tour through South America.

Parramatta Eels beat Gold Coast Surfers in the national Super League cup final 4-2 to walk away with the Arthur George Trophy and \$100,000 in prize money for the second year in succession.

Patrick Singleton, son of John, the famous old advertising tycoon from the mid-seventies, scored his fourth hat-trick of the season in this exciting match.

Officials at Bruce Stadium expressed concern about the increase in activity by ticket scalpers who this year were asking \$50 for a Cup final seat.

Two new franchises were issued for the Australian Soccer League. The Gosford Boatmen will join Townsville Sharks in 1991 taking the national league to a total of 20 franchises for this year.

Two other franchises have also changed hands with Toorak Brewers buying the prestigious Tasmanian Tigers franchise in Hobart, and Kerry Packer paying \$500,000 for the Sydney Slackers franchise.

Australian Soccer League Coach Murray Barnes renewed his contract with Wollongong Wolves at an undisclosed figure which is believed to exceed \$100,000.

In an international 'challenge' series played in December three Australian Soccer League teams including one from New South Wales – Sydney Slackers, competed against Tottenham, Real Madrid and Celtic in a knock-out challenge series at the Parramatta Park Stadium over a ten day period.

The series was won by Liverpool with Sydney Slackers coming third.

The Australian Soccer Federation formed a Medical Review Committee to prepare a report on injuries being sustained by players on Astro-Turf and prepare recommendations on how best to overcome the problems of turf burns to players.

The Australian Soccer Federation also outlawed the use of wooden and metal goal posts and passed a mandatory ruling that polypropylene moulded goal posts must be

against Perth Stingers to win 15-10.

In the International Indoor Series two Australian teams competed for the \$250,000 prize money in the final play-offs against New York Arrows, Liverpool, Auckland Wanderers, the Chicago Bears and Tokyo Bombers.

Australia played host to the second Women's World Soccer Cup reaching the semi-finals before being knocked out by West Germany in an exciting game played at the NBN Sports Centre in Newcastle.

The game was the first event played at this magnificent new stadium which has a seating capacity of 30,000 and the revolutionary domed indoor-outdoor roof which can be opened and closed according to the weather conditions.

The Victorian Federation signed a deal with ABC-022 Cable Television for replay rights to the State League Grand Final Series. The contract is estimated to be worth some \$100,000 for the three matches.

A special version of the ball with the built in transistors microphone is being used in all

televised matches so that viewers can actually hear the thud and whistle of the ball as it is kicked around the field.

A debate is still raging over the use by some pro-soccer teams of the transistored ear pieces implanted in the Captain of the team which is linked to the coaches microphone on the bench. Officials charge that this is akin to putting a twelfth man on the field and that continuous instructions relayed to the team disrupts the flow of the game.

The Australian Soccer Federation have made it mandatory for all referees to wear transistored watches which are synchronised to the Video-Screen clocks. This means that when the referees take time out for injuries or stoppages that the clock on the Video-Screen is synchronised with the referees' watch.

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## Problem of the new season

The problems created by a change in playing season were outlined as follows:

1. VENUES

The majority of all current Philips Soccer League Clubs have existing venues which would be available for playing the game of soccer in the season between October and May.

Those who do not, if presented with the question of obtaining venues to participate in the League would be able to do so:

(i) They are given sufficient time to seek and negotiate suitable venue arrangements

(ii) They are prepared to do so

The fact is that in all cities a number of alternative venues would become available since it would be the off-season for other football codes.

b) At night

For games played at night on either weekends or week days there are two sub-considerations to take into account:

i) Played during daylight savings hours

All States, with the exception of Queensland, enjoy daylight savings. Here, fixtures could not be played at night unless under lights. Venues are available to do this if the clubs are prepared to play occasional fixtures away from their home grounds.

The same comment applies



to clubs in other States where as previously mentioned alternative venues would be selected on the basis that they can also provide lights for night time fixtures.

ii) Under lights for television

Only a handful of clubs have adequate lighting for television coverage at night. This question is answered in the specific relevant section but is not as big a problem as some people thought.

2. MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS

There is no question that medically soccer can be played in a period between October and May each year providing all other considerations are taken into account as detailed in this document and specifically the relevant section on Medical effects.

However, there would definitely be a transitional period with many older players acclimatising themselves to the situation. There is no question that coaches

would need to introduce new training methods and dietary practices to accommodate the needs of the season.

With six weeks where temperatures are humid, new techniques and policies to be pursued by coaches.

In the first season of acclimatisation there would be a period of several weeks where possibly some games played in more extreme situations might slow down. However it is our belief, from the advice we have been able to receive to date, that this would be a temporary aberration and it would not take very long at all for the average younger player to quickly acclimatise to the conditions.

3. THE MEDIA

Media coverage of the Philips Soccer League should remain at the same level and if anything should expand considerably over a period of time in many States.

The only factor affecting this area is the situation that some of our existing journalists like to take holidays in January, and the question would be whether or not the sports editors would replace them with covering journalists.

This should happen as is the case now when they travel overseas on other assignments, i.e. internationals and Cup Final, etc. or they would simply reschedule holidays.

1984/85 — 20 (Two zones test) — admit two

1985/86 — 24 (Two zones) — admit four

1986/87 — 24 (Two zones) — no admits

1987/88 — 28 (Two zones) — Admit two

1988/89 — 26 (Two zones) — No admits

1989/90 — 28 (Two zones) — admit two

In other words a prepared plan is set down which all parties are fully aware of and various cities, clubs, business, etc. can work for the future.

If it is a known fact that therefore four new franchises will be granted in that year — then various clubs can work towards that aspiration, planning their team strength and performances, their spectator facilities, their financial resources, their commercial backing, etc with the aim of ultimately seeking admission to the national league.

In any plans for zoning, franchising, and expansion of the League, a proper calendar should be drawn up of numbers of members of the holding company planned for the next 10 years. For example:

1982/83 — 16 — no admits

1983/84 — 18 — admit two



# BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE

## Internationals

Marketing has recommended that the Philips Soccer League, through changing the playing season, could benefit greatly from organising international soccer matches between overseas clubs and Philips Soccer League clubs.

There are four main benefits:

(1) Playing international club sides off-season would prove to be a good spectator draw for individual clubs. It would assist draw new spectators to the Philips Soccer League overall who perhaps currently follow overseas soccer rather than domestic soccer because they are ignorant of the standards and attractiveness of play in this country.

(2) There are potential financial rewards to be gained by careful planning and implementation of international tournaments by clubs whose benefit could accrue to the League rather than private entrepreneurs as has often been the case in the past.

(3) Individual clubs could benefit financially through gate attendance whereby they receive a set percentage of gate money received, with an amount being automatically paid into the League Development Fund or into its general income account.

(4) The introduction of international soccer matches administered and controlled by the League in association with the ASF, also provides other potential revenue sources such as sponsorship of international Round-Robin Series for companies other than Philips, and television rights.

## 2 say no

Clubs opposed to summer soccer are Footscray

J.U.S.T. and Sydney Olympic Blacktown and Heideberg have given no opinion, and the reaction of Brisbane City's president and other executives is negative, but the club prefers to say it has an "open mind".

## Lighting

BLACKTOWN — GABBIE STADIUM. Does not have any lights and has indicated no plans to install any at this stage.

MARCONI — MARCONI STADIUM. Is lit to playing standard level. Club states that it will "look into upgrading to television standard lighting."

CANBERRA — BRUCE STADIUM. Is currently not lit. Club states that Government will install TV standard lights by August 1981.

NEWCASTLE — INTERNATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE. Currently not lit. Club states that ISC Trust are "working on it". However, latest information is that club is considering moving to alternate venue which is lit to playing standard only.

WOLONGONG — WOLONGONG SHOW GROUND. Ground is lit to playing standard. No plans to upgrade to TV standard level.

SYDNEY CITY — SYDNEY ATHLETIC FIELD. Ground is not lit. Club states that City Council are "considering installing TV standard lights during 1981."

OLYMPIC — PRATTEN PARK. Stadium is lit to minimum playing standard. Club stated in December 1980 that Ashfield Council is considering upgrading lights in 1981.

LEICESTER — LAMBERT PARK. Only training lights installed. Club state in December 1980 that it is doubtful that Leichhardt Council would update lights to higher

level. However, negotiations are in progress between the club and council for the use of Leichhardt Stadium which is one of the best TV std stadiuums in the country.

BRISBANE CITY — SPENCER CITY. Currently no stadium is equipped with training lights only. Club plans to upgrade to playing standard during 1981 and to TV standard only in the event a sponsor is obtained to fund the installation of TV standard lighting.

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HEIDELBERG — OLYMPIQUE PARK. TV standard lights installed.

FOOTSCRAY — SCHINTER RESERVE. Training light only installed. Club has stated it has no plans to upgrade at this stage.

It will be seen from the above that Melbourne, Adelaide and Canberra have the TV light equipped stadia. Sydney could be added if the negotiations with Leichhardt Council result in permission for Leichhardt Stadium being used by other areas as well.

## Federation

As a change in the Philips Soccer League's playing season could affect other sectors of Australian soccer, the research undertaken by Australian soccer Federation Marketing also covered the six State Federations in whose areas Philips Soccer League

matches are currently played.

The questions asked by federation executives were identical in all cases and with the exception of a brief introductory talk no prompting of the respondents was undertaken.

These state Federations were in favour of the season change.

Three had some misgivings on the grounds that:

1. Concern about the clubs' financial viability.

2. Concern that State Leagues would get even less media exposure during the PSL off-season.

3. Summer exodus of spectators from metropolitan areas.

All six federations would keep their competitions running in the 'traditional' months but would consider adjustments to fit into a new Philips soccer league season.

## Indoor soccer

Marketing made recommendations last year to Australian Soccer Federation and the Philips Soccer League regarding the introduction of a national indoor soccer competition under the name of The Australian Indoor Soccer League.

A separate feasibility document, together with findings and recommendations following investigative research over previous months and the assimilation of all available material from overseas, is currently being prepared.

The Philips Soccer League has been asked to circulate the rules of indoor soccer as extracted direct from the United States.

Teams should be admitted from 'regions', not further metropolitan areas.

Obviously Tasmania and West Australia would be first considerations plus other areas such as Gosford, Townsville, Tamworth, Gold Coast, bathurst, Albury/Wodonga, Bendigo and Mt Isa.

Hence the need is for a plan and a date set for introduction that 'new applicants' can work towards.

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## Zoning

The question of zoning the League should be considered for implementation as soon as practically possible, the marketing report says.

There are two distinct benefits to the introduction of zoning:

1. It would create more 'local matches' which would have the benefit of helping bolster interest and involvement by supporters and spectators.

2. Ultimately zoning will provide more equitable means through reduced air travel costs to admit Tasmania and Western Australia to the Philips Soccer League and many other clubs from other areas as well.

The air travel costs of today, and those likely to be projected for the future, are increasing so dramatically that they alone are the major threat to the future expansion of a national soccer league in Australia.

The introduction of zoning would require alteration to the end of season culmination by a system of play-offs.

Under the proposed zoning system the first post the post premiership position would disappear, and would be replaced by the 'national champion' team.

That is the team which has battled for the full season to firstly become one of the top teams in its zone — then fought on to win a place representing its zone in the play-off series and ultimately the Final itself.

There is no doubt that zoning, if applied to a 16 team competition, would dramatically reduce costs in travel. However with that number of teams the scheme for play-offs becomes unattractive and unworkable.

Zoning should not be adopted on the basis of saving money for existing clubs but of providing an equitable way (through savings) of expanding the League on a properly planned basis over the next five years.

The subject also interrelates to a 'franchised' League and the two should be considered hand in hand with each other together with the subject of a 'freeze' on relegation policy.

Ideally a zoned League should comprise an Eastern Division of 12 teams and a South/Western Division of 12 teams.

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PRESENTS

## PHILIPS LEAGUE STANDINGS

Figures in brackets denote last week's position on the ladder.

HOME AWAY	W	D	L	F	A	Gls	Pts
1. (1) Sydney City Hakoah . . . . .	10	3	0	31	10	6 1	6 15 16 46 26 35
2. (2) South Melbourne Hellas . . . . .	10	2	1	24	8 2	2 14 15 36 23 34	
3. (6) Adelaide C. Juventus . . . . .	8	2	4	20	12 4 4	4 20 18 40 30 30	
4. (4) Brisbane City . . . . .	8	4	1	20	6 2 6	5 10 15 21 30 30	
5. (7) Canberra City . . . . .	5	4	4	24	17 6 3	4 14 10 38 27 29	
6. (3) Brisbane Lions . . . . .	9	3	1	23	9 1 6	5 13 18 36 27 29	
7. (5) APIA-Leichhardt . . . . .	6	5	1	18	10 4 4	5 12 17 30 29 29	
8. (8) Wollongong . . . . .	4	7	2	20	15 3 5	5 10 15 30 26 26	
9. (9) Newcastle KB United . . . . .	4	5	4	22	15 5 2	6 14 23 35 34 25	
10. (12) Sydney Olympic . . . . .	7	4	2	22	15 1 3	8 14 26 36 41 23	
11. (13) Heidelberg Alexander . . . . .	4	2	5	12	12 5 2	6 27 23 39 35 22	
12. (10) Marconi-Datsun . . . . .	6	2	4	15	16 3 2	6 5 17 20 33 22	
13. (11) Footscray JUST . . . . .	6	5	2	19	13 2 1	10 8 30 27 43 22	
14. (14) Preston Makedonia . . . . .	6	4	3	25	12 1 3	9 8 26 34 37 21	
15. (15) Blacktown City . . . . .	3	3	7	15	20 1 5	6 12 19 27 39 16	
16. (16) West Adelaide Hellas . . . . .	3	2	6	11	16 1 1	12 9 32 20 48 11	

\*Match in hand. \*\*Two matches in hand. \*\*\*Three matches in hand.

## TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets — number of appearances in this team —

CROOK (3)  
(WA-Hellas)

PERRY (2) T. BYRNE (6) KONDARIOS (4)  
(Brisb. C) (Canberra) (JUST) YANKOS (2)  
(H'berg)

RASKOPOULOS (2) BOYLE (3)  
(Syd. Olympic) (Makedonia) JOVANOVIC (1)  
(JUST)

WATSON (6) MITCHELL (9)  
(Syd. C) (Adel. C) NORTHCOTE (1)  
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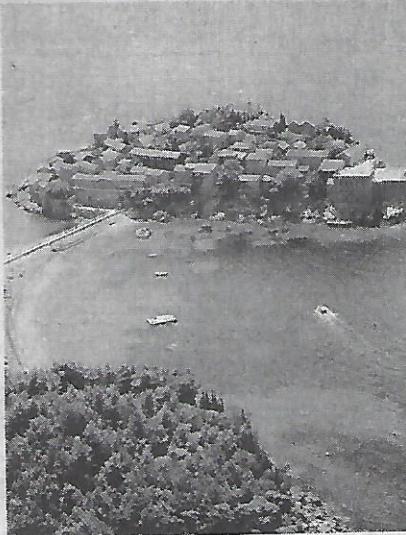


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### THIS WEEK'S VOTES

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (Brown, Lucchesi) WEST ADLAIDE HELLAS 0 at Connor Reserve. Votes by Laurie Schwab: 6. Boyle (Mak), 5. Lucchesi (Mak), 4. Crook (WA), 3. Brown (Mak), 2. Ollerton (Mak), 1. Hambs (WA).

CANBERRA CITY 4 (Brennan, Byrne, Purdie, Valeri) NEWCASTLE KB UTTO 1 (Jones) at Bruce Stadium. Votes by Peter Windsor: 6. Byrne (Can), 5. Brennan (Can), 4. Hayes (Newc), 3. Moutopoulos (Can), 2. Reaney (Newc), 1. Kamusz (Newc).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 3 (Kosminz, Boden, Watson) APIA-LEICHARDT 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Votes by Tom Anderson: 6. Watson (SC), 5. Souness (SC), 4. Wilson (APIA), 3. Woodhouse (APIA), 2. Clarke (SC), 1. Patikas (SC).

MELBOURNE CITY 1 (Kele) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Xanthopoulos) at Spencer Park (mid-week postponed game). Votes by Bruce Waddell: 6. Perry (SC), 5. Lutton (SM), 4. Gaffney (BC), 3. Rogers (SM), 2. Campbell (SM), 1. Plimblett (BC).

BRISBANE CITY 2 (Provan, H'berg) FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 0 at Olympic Park. Votes by Dick Prendergast: 6. Jovanovic (JUST), 5. Konaria (JUST), 4. Kyriakoules (JUST), 3. Varkos (H'berg), 2. McMillan (H'berg), 1. Provan (H'berg).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (Koureas, Redfer, Reskopoulos) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Williamson) at Pratten Park. Votes by Kurt Werner: 6. Reskopoulos (SO), 5. Redfern (SO), 4. Hermiston (BL), 3. Bennett (BL), 2. Niven (BL), 1. P. Wilson (SO).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 2 (Northcote, Perin pen) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Votes by Frank Pangallo: 6. Mitchell (AC), 5. Northcote (AC), 4. Stevenson (SM), 3. Perin (AC), 2. Shirra (SM), 1. B. Nyskohus (AC).

Leaders:

78. Mitchell (AC)

77. Hermiston (BL)

67. Bennett (BL)

62. Wilson (APIA)

61. T. Byrne (Can)

60. Crook (WA)

55. Dunlevy (Woll), Evans (SM), Boland (JUST).

52. Brennan (Can).

Top scorers:

13. Evans (SM)

12. Cole (H'berg)

11. Boden (SC)

9. P. Wilkinson (BC), Kosminz (SC), Soper (APIA).

8. Paton (H'berg), Barnes (SC), Souness (SC), Kousas (SO), Ollerton (Mak), Mitchell, J. Nyskohus (AC), Valeri (Can).

7. Christopoulos (SM)

6. Campbell (H'berg), Hamilton (BC), O'Connor (APIA), Cullen, Brown, Lucchesi (Mak), Northcote (AC), Gibson (Can), Ilios, Cozzelle (JUST), McBreen (Woll), Williamson (BL), Sharpe, Jankovics (Marc), Mountford (Newc).



## TOM ANDERSON

Soccer is a universal language. A German, Italian, Greek or Scot can forget his language difficulties the moment he steps onto a soccer pitch.

For when the game starts they all communicate through the game of soccer.

This is a fact among players and coaches and one that was refreshingly brought aback to me in a mean fashion when I recently completed a book that will hit the bookstores this week throughout Australia and in the not-too-distant future 20 other countries.

The book I compiled, with the coaching directions of the great Karl-Heinz Heddergott called "The Kickaburra How to Play Soccer Book."

It is published by the Rigby organisation and although I saw so myself, it's a thoroughly good publication.

It provides the ABC of soccer — the game should be played the way it was.

Heddergott is universally acclaimed as one of the world's leading teachers of soccer.

A former Director of Coaching for West Germany, he now holds a similar position in Scotland.

In researching this book, I went around various junior clubs to find out just what was needed most.

I found out that with over 500,000 kids playing the game here in Australia many mums, dads and non-trained coaches are in charge of the junior teams.

These people are doing a great job and need all the help they can get.

I'm sure the Kickaburra

## Summer's not the answer

book will be helpful to them and the thousands of young hopefuls.

I also found out by talking and mixing in the senior ranks and in our deficiency in our senior set-up — lack of communication between senior and junior levels.

In too many cases the junior clubs are left to plough a lone furrow and are completely neglected by the senior body.

This results in mistrust, confusion and in fact a complete breakdown in all understanding and aims.

Senior and junior fixtures are played at the same time, and the two levels are in direct opposition to each other.

Believe me, in such a situation the language of soccer is not universal — it's not even neighbouring.

This breakdown was given as one of the reasons for the ASF marketing company's recommendation for summer soccer at the seminar last week.

Statements from the powers that be declared that it will take a move towards summer soccer to try to unite the factions that are not pulling together.

What a load of rubbish!

It's not summer soccer that's needed; it's people at senior level to get off their fat rumps and go to the juniors

and find out what's the matter and provide the solutions.

It's time for the powers that be to bring the juniors into their act and provide help and guidance.

May I ask what the marketing company have done about the present situation since it has been in soccer?

What indeed! It's not what's wrong that needs pointing out, it's what needs to be done about it.

Thus, I may add, is summer soccer.

Let's forget about screwing the kids and junior organisations for every cent on coaching camps and clinics and give them some free attention and free education.

Maybe then all sections of the code will pull in the one direction and not in a hundred different directions at the same time.

This can only come through everyone talking the same universal language of soccer.

No understanding can be gained it will not matter when or where the game is played — it will not succeed.

In the long run it will be deemed that there is no substitute for knowledge of soccer when the solutions are found.

Let's hope peace can be found quickly before the game is completely submerged by this summer campaign.

In the Kickaburra book, Heddergott states that the secret of soccer is that every player is part of a team and no one is alone on the field.

I wish some of our "bright boys" of the marketing company would realise that this also applies to the administration of soccer.

And until they do, our present problems never will be solved.



Duncan Cummings puts the ball into the net for South Melbourne Hellas, but it was ruled offside. Picture by FRANK HOBBES.

# Magnificent Mitchell

Adel. City 2  
SM-Hellas 0

Scorers: Northcote 61,  
Perin 80.

Olympic Sportsfield, Crowd

5100. Conditions: Fine.

Referees: Dennis Rampey 5,

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLA

SAS: Lunn 7, Barnes 7,

Davidson 7, Lutton 7 (Camp-

bell 7), Xanthopoulos 7;

Rogers 8; Stevenson 8; Blair

7; Shira 7; Cummings 7; Bul-

jovic 7.

ADELAIDE CITY: Przy-  
bylski 8, Russell 7, B. Nys-  
kohaus 8, Perin 8, Jones 7,  
Metta 6, Marocchi 6, Villani 7,  
Northcote 9, J. Nyskohaus 6,  
Mitchell 9.

Amid all the brilliance at  
Olympic Sportsfield last week-  
end was much frustration.

For Adelaide City it was the  
end of a dramatic seven-match  
slump which may have come a  
shade too late to rekindle slim  
championship hopes.

And for South Melbourne the

By FRANK PANGALLO

## MATCH RATING:

8

But where the Adelaide  
defence has wilted in the past  
seven rounds, it stuck to its  
task admirably.

There were occasions in the  
first half when the defence  
looked set to collapse. Steven-  
son sent the ball from the left  
into quicksent Jim Shira on  
his way to an open goal but the  
Scot tied the ball over the bar  
with only the goalkeeper to  
beat.

Moments later Cummings, with  
room to pick his mark, struck the bar hopelessly off  
his line.

Przyblyski made hard work  
of a simple aerial catch that  
spilled to Branko Buljovic who  
agonisingly watched his  
header skip over the bar.

At the other end, the South  
defence had its hands full  
trying to contain the brilliant  
David Mitchell who, with  
Brian Northcote, weaved a  
path of havoc.

Mitchell had the best chance  
of the first half 10 minutes  
before the break when he flashed  
into the box and drove a  
pass against the far post.

South Melbourne could have  
been looking for the tiebreaker from the  
start of the second half and almost succeeded after four  
minutes when Buljovic netted  
a nod from Cummings but  
Rampley ruled off-side.

The let-off inspired City and  
Northcote's presence up front  
became more pronounced.

Northcote found his mark  
after 61 minutes when he turned on a loose ball on the  
edge of the area and flashed a  
left-footed volley wide of Lau-  
ment's.

Ten minutes from the end a  
careless tackle by Vince  
Bannon on Metta brought an  
end to South's hopes. John  
Perin converted the spot kick.

with the ball and were usually  
dispossessed by Peter Ollerton  
or George McMillan.

Makedonia had two goals —  
by Doug Brown and Claude  
Lucchesi — ruled offside and  
left it until seven minutes from  
the end to score.

Brown got that one, slipping  
the ball low past Crook after  
substitute Rob Cullen had  
brought down a long high ball  
and tapped it on to Brown.

Both players also were involved  
in the second goal, scored a minute from the end.  
Cullen crossed from the right  
to Brown, who miskicked while  
shooting at goal. Lucchesi dived  
in and put the ball, while wait-  
ing for support.

Against the wind, West Adela-  
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cut down a long Mak-  
donia's space.

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# Hellas too classy, vital for Blacktown

**South Melbourne Hellas will beat Brisbane City at Middle Park on Sunday.**

Hellas isn't happy with having been forced to fly to Brisbane last week to play a midweek game against Brisbane City without star players Steve Woodfin, Steve Blair and Alan Davidson.

An Arthur Xanthopoulos goal gave Hellas a valuable point and restored its leadership of the PSL.

This time, with a full strength line-up apart from injured Alan Evans, Hellas should be too classy for the Brisbane boys.

Blair will take care of Barry Kelso, Woodfin will expose glaring holes in the Brisbane defence, while Davidson charges forward in support of his front runners and adds pressure to Hellas's forward forays.

Meanwhile Branko Buljevic will taunt and tease his opponents with his intricate skills as the relentless Vince Bannon surges forward down Hellas's right.

And Xanthopoulos periodically will break out of defence and lend his considerable talents in support of the Hellas cause - goals and more goals.

Sounds good, doesn't it? I hope it's excoriated all the evil spirits because I was accused of casting on Hellas this season by a couple of club officials recently.

But if local Brisbane City decide to do its fighting out on the park instead of at training, then it may stretch Hellas on Sunday.

I know one thing for sure. After I've been so adamant that Hellas is going to win you won't find me getting in the way of City coach George Potter on Sunday.

I think Preston Makedonia can beat Adelaide City at Connor Reserve on Sunday.

Makedonia may have been humbled toward the end of its Middle Park confrontation with Hellas two weeks ago but had Claude Lucemis scored from the penalty spot there's no telling what may have happened in the remainder of that match.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Adelaide City's hopes of the PSL title have been dashed in recent weeks so Makedonia, striving to push clear of the relegation zone, has much more to play for.

With this spur behind them, Makedonia should win. I still don't know why Canberra allowed the talented Isaac Farrell to leave earlier this season. Farrell is a class midfielder, with good disposal, the ability to hold possession under pressure and take on players.

Sydney City travels to the Wollongong Showgrounds to take on the home team on Sunday and must win to keep up its pressure on Hellas for top PSL billing.

I think the Sliders will triumph but will find the discipline and organisation of the Wollongong defence a handful.

It's hard to see John Kosmina, Ken Boden and Joe Watson shacked throughout this game, though. With Murray Barnes and Jim Patikas pushing up in support, the visitors should crack the solid core of the home side's back four.

APIA Leichhardt never has lost a PSL game to Canberra and these sides meet at Lambert Park on Sunday.

APIA probably entertains a slim hope of catching Hellas and Sydney City in the title race but it could slip up by conceding a point to Canberra.

The key to the outcome will be APIA's ability to hold Tony Brennan while trying to pierce Canberra's defence, led by sweeper Terry Byrne.

Blacktown must pick up both points against Sydney Olympic at Gable Stadium on Sunday if it is to have any chance of getting out of the relegation zone.

Blacktown coach Rale Basic will appreciate that if his side can't beat another team in the bottom half of the table then it can forget about catching the many teams above it in the league.

It's getting late for Blacktown to escape but Basic

will be looking to Jovan Djordjevic and Paul Burrows to lead his side's fight against Olympic.

It hasn't been a good year for Olympic, its first after being readmitted to PSL ranks.

Tommy Doherty has come and gone. His legacy was a successful relationship with the media but a not so successful record on the field. His predecessor, Doug Collins, hasn't had an easy time. The Doc didn't exactly leave Collins with a marvellously drilled attacking unit, despite the ballyhoo about Olympic playing with four up front.

Although the future of Olympic looks bright with youngsters such as Pater Raskopulos, Mark Koussas, Jim Ziras and Danny Moulis, this present-day Olympic isn't a disciplined outfit and could end to Blacktown's relegation.

Heideberg has lost out and could end to Blacktown's relegation.

It's a shame although Sunday's clash between the two takes place at Richlands Stadium, the Bergers

shouldn't suffer a second loss.

I'm tipping a draw. This game will revolve around the success or failure of Lions' markers for Gary Cole and Jamie Paton.

Heideberg midfielder Jim Campbell is back to his bubbling best and his ability to burst forward from midfield could add to the pressure on Lions' defenders Paul Ontong, Alan Niven, Jim Hermiston and Col Bennett.

Newcastle has yet to beat Marconi in the league but the home side should snatch a point from the unsettled Marconi side in the throws of a reorganisation period under caretaker coach Luciano Nesti.

Newcastle's International Sports Centre should house a large enthusiastic crowd for Sunday's game and they'll be hoping that big Bob Montford, Graham Heys and David Jones can break through the Marconi defence, led by Socceroo sweeper Tony Henderson.

West Adelaide's recent record against Melbourne-based outfit is abysmal and shouldn't be improved after Sunday's Hindmarsh Stadium battle with Footscray J.U.S.T.

There's a confidence and discipline about J.U.S.T. no-

wadays and the West side will find it difficult to repeat its 1-1 result recorded at Schinert Reserve earlier this season.

## IN MELBOURNE

**SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS V Brisbane City at Middle Park, Sunday, 3pm. Previous result: 1977 - BC 2-0, 1-0, 1978 - SMH 4-3, BC 1-0, 1979 - SMH 4-0, BC 1-0, 1980 - SMH 1-3, 1981 1-1. Advantage Brisbane City 4 wins, 2 draws, 1 loss. Goals: 12-13.**

**PRESTON MAKEDONIA V Adelaide City at Connor Reserve, Sunday, 3pm. Previous result: 1981 - AC 1-0, 1982 - SYDNEY V Sydney Olympic at Gable Stadium, Sunday, 3pm. Previous result: SO 1-0.**

**APIA Leichhardt V Canberra (draw) at Lambert Park, Sunday, 3pm. Previous results: 1979 - APIA 3-0, 0-0, 1980 - APIA 2-1, 2-2, 1981 - APIA 1-0. Advantage APIA 3 wins, 2 draws. Goals: 8-8.**

## IN BRISBANE

**Brisbane Lions V Heideberg (draw) at Richlands Stadium, Sunday, 3pm. Previous results: 1977 - Held 4-1, Lions 2-1, 1978 - 1-1, 0-0, 1979 - Held 3-1, 0-0, 1980 - Held 2-1, 1-0. Advantage Heideberg 4 wins, 3 draws, 1 loss. Goals: 12-8.**

## IN NEWCASTLE

**Newcastle KB V Marconi (draw) at International Sports Centre, Sunday, 2.30pm. Previous results: 1978 - Mar 4-2, KB 1-0, 1979 - Mar 2-1, KB 2-1, 1980 - Mar 4-1, 1-0, 1981 - KB 2-1. Advantage Marconi 4 wins, 3 losses. Goals: 13-9.**

## IN WOLLONGONG

**Wollongong V SYDNEY CITY V Wollongong Showgrounds, Sunday, 3pm. Previous results: 1981 - SC 1-0.**

## IN ADELAIDE

**West Adelaide V FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. at Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday, 2.30pm. Previous results: 1977 - WA 1-0, 1978 - J.U.S.T. 2-1, 2-2, 1979 - WA 5-0, 1-0, 1980 - WA 3-0, J.U.S.T. 2-0, 1981 - 1-1. Advantage West Adelaide 5 wins, 2 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 14-7.**

## MacLeod gets his chance against Lions

**Heideberg 2  
Fooths. JUST 0**

**Scorers:** Petton 84th, Cole 88th.  
**Venue:** Olympic Park Melbourne.  
**Referee:** Graham Neal 7.

**HEIDECKER:** Oliver 6; Hazebrook 7, Kyriakoules 7, Kondarios 7, O'Reilly 6; Milne 6 (Cozzella 65th); Jovanovic 7, Illoski 6, Kankantous 6; Verweij 6, Lujic 6.  
**Crowd:** 4000 (estimate).  
**Cautions:** Petton, Selemidis.

When is Don MacLeod going to make his debut for Heideberg?

That is the question on the lips of the club supporters after the former Nottingham Forest apprentice warmed the bench for yet another week.

Well, their wishes are about to be granted but coach Len McKendry has been forced by circumstances to pin him in the side rather than MacLeod making his way into the team.

"MacLeod is not as strong as our side is physically at this stage of the season. I have worked hard on him for the past three weeks to get him used to our methods but it takes time," McKendry said.

"It doesn't seem like he learned much at Nottingham Forest. In fact I don't know what they do with their players but they certainly don't coach them."

"It seems to be typical of the waste of English football. MacLeod is another Yzen-doom with untapped potential but he hasn't been coached."

Nevertheless the Scotish defender is likely to make his debut for Heideberg this weekend against Brisbane Lions at fullback.

He will replace Charlie Yankos who will be unavailable because of schoolwork.

But whether MacLeod holds on the spot remains to be seen for Yankos has impressed McKendry since the coach's return to the club.

**Len McKendry**

**Dick Prendergast**

**MATCH RATING**

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The young fullback had another sound game against Footscray in a match where defences were dominant.

The deadlock was broken a few minutes from time when all at the ground had taken it for granted that the match would end in a 0-0 stalemate.

Kyriakoules, who played despite sore feelings, the effect of which did a tight marking job on Jamie Paton, headed onto the underside of the crossbar whilst trying to clear a Jamie Paton shot which had beaten Dennis Boland.

McKendry said Heideberg had credited Paton with the goal as it would have gone in anyway.

Heideberg earlier had better luck with their clearances off the line when Footscray were clearly on top.

In the 25th minute Arthur McMillan hooked the ball clear when John Verweij's shot had beaten Jeff Oliver.

And eight minutes later John Yzendoorn came to the rescue of his keeper by heading off the line from Zdravko Lujic who had connected with an Illoski corner.

Heideberg's best chances came late in the first half and early after the break.

In the 43rd minute Young Selemidis latched onto the rebound from a Jim Campbell shot which was blocked but despite being well-placed to hammer home, slammed the ball over the crossbar.

Selemidis repeated the act in the 61st minute, this time after being put through by Andy Bozikas.

Earlier, in the 58th minute, Rooney also broke through onto a Jamie Paton pass but his shot took a deflection and sailed away for a corner.

When all seemed set for the draw, up bobbed Paton for that goal.

JUST then went all out for the equaliser and Gary Cole, until then well marshalled by Jim Kondarios, found the space to hammer home his 12th goal of the season with a rocket from 25 metres which gave Boland no hope as it sailed into the top of the net.

It was poor justice for JUST which had given as good as it got but at least it made certain that none of the Melbourne clubs will have to go cap in hand to seek re-election to the PSL at the end of the season.



**Jim Kondarios of JUST rises above the others for a header against Heideberg. From left: Zdravko Lujic, John Yzendoorn, Arthur McMillan, Kondarios, Theo Selemidis. Picture by LES SHORROCK.**

## Xanthopoulos gives Hellas a draw

**Brisbane C. 1  
SM-Hellas 1**

**Scorers:** BC: Kelso 20th, Hellas: Xanthopoulos 84th.

**Ground:** Spencer Park.

**Weather:** Fine. Crowd about 1500.

**Referee:** D. Nugent. 8.

**Cautions:** Cummings (SM).

**BRISBANE CITY - WISHART 7, Caldwell 7, Dunne 7, Perry 8, W. Wilkinson 7, Gaffney 7, Amblett 1, Hamilton 6 (Vineyard 63rd), Palmer 6, P. Wilkinson 6, Falce 7, Topham 7, Bullock 6.**

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## DEFINITELY REDUCED FARES FOR SOCCER FANS



Ajax's first team squad. BACK ROW: Bobby McLachlan (manager-coach), Gerry Bennett, Peter Lewis, Kevin Wall, Gus Macleod, Lou Denys, Michael Lukac, Stuart Cannell, Bill Morrey. FRONT ROW: Alan Bennett, Paul Lewis, Gordon Wallace, Kit Greechan, John Gardiner, David Hogben, Jim Williams. INSET: Willie Vassallo.

## We're out to prove that we're best



By BOBBY McLACHLAN  
Ajax coach

I'm insisting that all of my players give a maximum effort against Croatia on Sunday and if they do then we should win.

We're on top of the league and it's not the end of the world if we lose but personally I'd like to beat Croatia.

I'd like to win the state League championship decisively rather than just get there.

Thinking back to some of the things I said last year I remember saying that my aim was to bridge the gap between us and Preston Makedonia and Croatia. That was achieved by finishing third in the league.

With Makedonia gone we have to go one better and prove ourselves to be the best in the league.

I'd say now that people would see us as being at least on a par with Croatia, if not better and winning the league would put us ahead of them.

Today there are not many good games for spectators of State League soccer but our last game against Croatia at Green Gully reserve was thoroughly entertaining. We went at them and they

came at us. It was just the thing that people want to see.

Defensive formations won't be the order of the day on Sunday. We'll play our usual attacking game.

You know, some of the teams we've played against this year have ended up with a sweeper playing behind their keeper! That's the sort of defensive attitude they've taken.

And some of those sides said that they'd come at us. Look at George Cross for example. They said they'd attack and spent the day defending.

Possibly if Croatia comes at us it will be easier for our front runners.

We've got the best record in the league with the highest goals for and the lowest goals against. While you are attacking the other side hasn't time to bother you at the back.

The clash between Gus Macleod and Steve Kokoska should be a match highlight. They're two great competitors and a credit to their clubs. In fact if more players showed as much honest endeavour as these two then Australian soccer would be far healthier.



Steve Kokoska (left) of Croatia and Ajax's Gus Macleod — two fierce competitors.



Gerry BENNETT	John GARDINER	Peter LEWIS	David HOGGEN
Kit GREECHAN	Willie VASSALLO	Jim WILLIAMS	
Gordon WALLACE	Gus MACLEOD	Bill MORREY	

I don't know whether Croatia will use Ken Murphy on the left side of midfield or on the left wing. In the past, though less frequently this year, I've used David Hogben as a tagger and to very good effect too. Earlier in the season I didn't think Hogben would get as many first team games as he has but to his credit he's proven himself worthy every time I've selected him.

If Carl Gilder is fit and plays then it's likely that Stuart Cannell will pick him up. Gilder hasn't had as good a season as he had last year but he's a very good player. He shields the ball well and holds it until his midfielders get forward to support him.

In fact Gilder and Dave Brogan are a really good double up front but again, if we're doing our fair share of attacking then our defenders will get a breather from having to watch Croatia's forwards.

Gordon Wallace has been troubled by a nagging hamstring injury but if he's fully fit he'll be a handful for any Croatia player. Wallace really knows the game. He's one of the few players to come here with a reputation as a class performer and prove that he is.

My midfield hasn't been dominant this year. I've got an exceptionally good forward line and defence but the midfielders haven't really taken command of the game the way I would like them to. Possibly our midfield is a weakness.

Croatia will have a formidable line-up on Sunday even if Gilder and Noel Mitten are out through injury. Croatia could play against lower sides and not do too well but could use exactly the same line-up against us and prove formidable. I expect Croatia's players to show their true worth on Sunday.

I think there's a fine line separating these sides but I believe that my squad is as good if not better than any other squad of players in the league.

I'll put 11 players onto the park who I think will get two points for Green Gully Ajax on Sunday, to give us the championship everyone at the club has worked so hard to win.

The Advertisers on this page, wish Croatia all the best for this important match.

Croatia v Ajax, Olympic Park, Sunday, 19 August, 1981.

## WHO'LL ENCORE WITH CURTAIN

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

MACKENZIE: Croatia tip and neither has Ajax plans to lease one more story there. We could be the front page. Sometime the Scrapheap or maybe Soccer is Rubbish".

CROATIA OFFICIAL: Listen, I can't write a preview on Sunday's game because whichever club I choose the other club is going to give me hell.

CROATIA OFFICIAL: We'll win. Come on Craigie, you like Croatia. You know we can beat the Maltese.

AJAX OFFICIAL: You just write as you see it Craig. I don't have to try and influence you because I know we'll beat Croatia on Sunday.

MACKENZIE: Okay, I'll go for Croatia.

AJAX OFFICIAL: We've just cancelled your order for a club pullover.

CROATIA OFFICIAL: Ha, we already gave Mackenzie a Croatia pullover.

AJAX OFFICIAL: Yeah, but we've paid for all of our pullovers.

CROATIA OFFICIAL (Getting heated): Ha, I know how you pay, too. You take all money for pullovers out of players' wages.

MACKENZIE (Feigning diplomacy): Come on, forget about pullovers. It's Sunday's game that's important. Now how many people do you think we'll get at Olympic Park?

CROATIA OFFICIAL: Maybe 6,000, maybe more. It's a really big game and our supporters will be there to watch us win.

AJAX OFFICIAL: Well I'm expecting a big crowd to all Green Gully people. Of course if Croatia had its own social club like we've got then it would have more to offer the supporters.

CROATIA OFFICIAL (getting heated again): You can drink and eat in the bar after, better than at the rubbish tip!

AJAX OFFICIAL (takes the bait): If all we've got is a rubbish tip then it's a damn sight more than you've got!

AJAX OFFICIAL: You bet.

## RECENT HISTORY

AJAX 2 (Wall, Macleod) CROATIA 2 (Adams pen., Mitten) at Olympic Park, Ampol Cup semi final. Ajax won 5-4 on penalties. MATCH RATING: 8. Referee: Henderson 8.

AJAX: Denys 7 — Lewis 7, Gardiner 8, Cannell 8, Smart 7 — G. Bennett 7, Vassallo 7, Greechan 8 — Wall 7, Macleod 9, Morrey 7.

CROATIA: Blasby 6 — Short 7, Kokoska 7, Kerr 7, Bilaver 7 — Trout 6, Adams 7, Murphy 6 — Batinovic 6, Gilder 7, Mitten 6.

CROATIA 3 (Gilder (Macleod pen.) at Oly Cup, first round, MA Referee: Fearn 5.

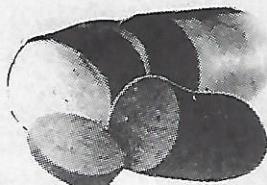
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MACKENZIE: Can I hold the money?

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like "Soccer on  
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the answers to these questions are  
Ajax. Yes, No, Croatia, Don't Know,  
Yes and Probably.

Go to Olympic Park on Sunday if you  
want to know the answer to the question  
as to which club is going to win the 1981  
State League championship.

AVORS CROATIA

Written by AJAX 1  
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- Batinovic 7,

Peter Lewis 7,  
- Chilly 6 -  
- Vassallo 6 -  
- 7.

CROATIA: Blasby 7 — Short 8, Ko  
- Koska 8, P. Bannon 8, Bilaver 6 -  
Adams 7, Kerr 6, Andrews 6 (Mitten  
73rd) — Brogan 7, Gilder 7, Murphy 8.

AJAX 0 CROATIA 1 (Mitten) at Green  
Gully Reserve. State League. MATCH  
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AJAX: Denys 8 — Peter Lewis 7,  
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Greechan 7, Vassallo 6, Williams 6 -  
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Croatia's first team squad, left to right: BACK ROW: Paddy Bannon, Steve Kokoska, Elvio Pugliese, Peter Blasby, Noel Mitten, Alan Kerr, Ned Batinovic, Howard Andrews. FRONT ROW: Ante Bilaver, Brian Keenan, Keith Adams, Steve Short, Ken Murphy, Dave Brogan.

## NO WORRIES, CROATIA WILL WIN



By DUJE ZEMUNIK,  
Croatia coach

We're better than Ajax. Our players will prove this on Sunday.

The Croatian players didn't show the form this year they showed in previous years but now they are keen to win the league.

There are many reasons why our players until recently haven't performed to expectations. I believe that coaching and committed changes unsettled them but now we stick together and the spirit at the club is good.

I believe in the players. I know they're better than Ajax's players.

We have a few injury worries but I'm hoping

that Carl Gilder will be fully fit for Sunday.

Steve Kokoska is playing his best soccer of the season. If he marks Gus Macleod close then Macleod won't be able to do much.

Kokoska is not a particularly skilful player but he's very hard physically and wins every high ball.

He's the sort of player who gives you everything he's got for 100 minutes let alone the full 90 minutes of the game.

Ken Murphy hasn't been at his best recently but he's a big game player and he should hit his straps on Sunday. I have talked with Ken about what he has been doing wrong this season. He's been trying to do too much with the ball. I want him to play the game more simple. When he beats a man he should draw another opponent then lay-off the ball to a team mate. Then he can use his explosive speed to run off the ball looking for the return.

Ken has skill, speed and a terrific shot.

Dave Brogan is one of

the best buys Croatia has

made in the past 10 years

as far as I'm concerned.

Steve  
SHORT

Steve  
KOKOSKA

Danny  
RAMLJAK

Ante  
BILAYER

Keith  
ADAMS

Paddy  
BANNON

Joe  
TRONT

Dave  
BROGAN

Carl  
GILDER

Ken  
MURPHY

He's a great all round-player.

I'll play with three forwards but I'll probably instruct one of them to push up onto Ajax sweeper John Gardiner.

I know John's game well and we'll try to break up Ajax's rhythm by pushing a player onto John whenever Ajax keeper Lou Denys has the ball.

For variety I like Peter Blasby to sometimes kick the ball long downfield because too often in the State League if you start to build up play from the back it takes too long for the ball to get down to your forwards and they are marked when it gets there.

I've switched Paddy Bannon from playing at

the back to taking a more prominent role in the centre of our midfield because he has good ball control, good disposal and he builds up play well. He also has been going forward recently and grabbing a couple of goals.

Paddy has a great amount of PSL experience behind him and he's played very well for us this season in fact he has given Croatia great service for the short time he's been with the club.

Young Danny Ramiljak is a fine player for his age and he does the job I ask him to do. This is a big game for the club and he realises that.

I think Keith Adams is

having his best season in the State League. He's a versatile player who can play in many positions and he reads play very well.

The 1981 State League title is very important to Croatia. It's important to win it if we want to get into the PSL and it's important to our supporters that we keep winning.

The way I see it is that we have to win every game from now on. That's not an easy task but I know that we are capable of doing it.

I've got no worries about Ajax though because we'll beat them for sure. Every one of our players will improve his recent efforts by about 20% in Sunday's game and we'll win.

## WIN FREE TICKETS!

"Soccer Action" is giving away single passes to Sunday's clash between Croatia and Green Gully Ajax or the first 20 people to come to our offices at Newspress, 603 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, either today (Wednesday) or tomorrow between 10 and 12 am.

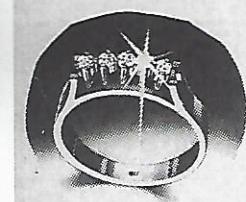
The winners must also answer ONE of these questions:

A. Croatia and Green Gully Ajax have met three times this year, in the Ampol and Phillips

Cups and in the State League. What were the results of those games?

B. One of the players in Sunday's game has played for both Croatia and Green Gully Ajax. What is his name?

C. Two players taking part in Sunday's game have played over 100 consecutive games for their clubs. One plays for Croatia, the other plays for Ajax. Can you name them?





# BUFFALO

## Bannon hits lead

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This week's votes:

NORTHCOTE V FRANKSTON

3 — Stewart (F)

2 — Verchia (F)

1 — Lahire (F)

HAKOAH V CROATIA

3 — Adams (C)

2 — P. Bannon (C)

1 — Cherrie (C)

GEORGE CROSS V ALTONA

3 — Wilkinson (G)

2 — White (A)

1 — Innes (A)

RINGWOOD V CROYDON

3 — Pearson (R)

2 — Danisidor (Croy)

1 — McCombe (Croy)

AJAX V JUVENTUS

3 — C. Stewart (F)

2 — Macleod (GCA)

1 — A. Bennett (GCA)

DOVETON V SUNSHINE

3 — McNaughton (S)

2 — McNaughton (S)

1 — Cherrie (D)

Progressive votes:

22 — P. Bannon (C)

21 — French (H)

18 — Cannell (GCA), Wilkinson

(GC)

17 — Gardiner (GCA), G. Bannon

(GC), Stewart (F).

## Blasby saves penalty

I laugh on Anton Dosen and Peter Blasby pulled off a spectacular penalty save as Croatia kept on course for Sunday's State League title show-down with Hakoah.

Bannan and Dosen clashed in the 39th minute. The burly Hakoah player, figuring in a new role as a runner, was sent off. Hakoah was reduced to 10 men but led 1-0 at the time.

Paddy Bannon had the last

Hakoah played on the break.

I expected to see Steve Koskosa picking up Dosen but the Hakoah striker played man-wide on the right and was responsible for the two scars which Hakoah threw into the Croatia camp early in this clash.

Two Dosen crosses ended with Ian McNeil. From the first McNeil shot over and his second chance found him heading wide.

Graham French sent a delicately weighted chip over the head of Croatia's square back four and Dosen headed down firmly past Blasby and inside the near upright.

Then the Dosen-Bannon incident took place. Within a minute of Dosen's sending off scores were level.

Dave Brogan played a superb ball in behind a Hakoah defender to Keith Adams charging down Croatia's left. Adams cut the ball back into Ned Batinovic's path and he si-

defted in.

Then up popped Bannon

right on the stroke of half time to slide down at the near post

and guide the ball past Mike

Fryzser.

Hakoah looked down and

out I was scratching my head

in disbelief when the sides

kicked off in the second half.

Chris Kent was replaced at

make contact, and the opportunity looked to have been lost. Peter Verchia however had other ideas, he retrieved the ball wide on the right and crossed back into the middle where once again the hard working Tolmie was on hand to force it past a despairing defence.

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# SPORTS

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## Sunshine wants to shut Cross's mouth

Sunshine reckons that a few George Cross players are getting too big for their boots now that the Cross is in the top four.

And the Shiners will be out to bring Cross back down to earth when they clash at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday.

"There's a fair bit of money hanging on the result of Sunday's game and we'll kick them out of the top four on weekend."

Sunshine's defeat of Doveton allowed Cross to grab a top four berth after a dismal 1-0 win against Altona. Cross coach Jim Adam was disappointed with his side's performance.

"We're delighted to be in the top four but our win against Altona was disappointing. A draw would have been a fair result," said Adam.

"The last time we played Sunshine it was an exciting match which could have gone either way. I'm looking forward to Sunday's game and we should do well if we perform to our capability."

I think Cross will win with Ged Bannon back after serving an automatic one-week suspension due to the accumulation of too many penalty points.

And Bobby Tool was sick before Sunday's game against Altona. A fit Tool will worry the life out of Sunshine's defence.

Roger Bain and Norrie Pate are the men Sunshine hopes will rest upon but the Shiners' strikers will find Billy Wilkinson and Norm Maitland an experienced, uncompromising central defensive combination.

The clash of the round, between Croatia and Ajax at Olympic Park on Sunday, is previewed on pages eight and nine of this issue.

Croymen and Hakoah have disappointed recently so they have a



*Victorian State League  
with CRAIG MACKENZIE*

lot of lost prestige to make up when they meet at Croydon Park on Sunday.

Kim Wassell flew back to England on Thursday, disillusioned with the State League scene.

So much for Croydon's \$2000 investment. That's how much Wassell cost when he transferred from Doveton earlier in the season.

Wassell came, saw and didn't think it was worth conquering him. He didn't rate the State League highly and often spoke about trying his luck in the PSL in 1982. He was the butt of criticism from some Doveton supporters who saw him as a prima donna. I think that's what caused the Doveton's style. Not for him the chasing and tackling back which has proved so successful for the Doves in their inaugural State League season.

Wassell has skill to burn. No doubt about that. He just wanted to enjoy his game doing what he does best — playing up front wide on the left where he can taunt and tease opposing full backs and use his fine disposal to good advantage.

Croydon may have to settle for a point against Hakoah on Sunday. Richie McClune could come back to the Hakoah front line.

Hakoah coach Bill Allison used Anton Dosen up front against Croatia but Dosen was sent off so the scene is set for McClune's reincarnation.

Graham French is the key to Hakoah's fortunes. He must play a commanding role in midfield if Hakoah is to do well.

If Juventus doesn't beat Frankston at Centenary Park on Sunday then the big drop into the Metropolitan Leagues almost is certain.

Juve is just about on its last legs and Frankston won't show any mercy on Sunday.

I'm tipping the Baysiders to win. I can't see Juventus defenders Tony Curcio, Peter Donaldson, Patella Rocca and Harry Hird standing firm against the Frankston onslaught led by the quicksilver Charlie Egan. Alongside Egan, Billy Buchanan's experience and Gordon Tutill's fine close ball skills should nab both points for the home side.

And Juve could plunge further into deep water if Ringwood's visit to Kim Reserve on Sunday to take on Altona proves worthwhile.

I think that Ringwood will grab a point here. Altona easily could have picked up points in recent weeks and I expect the home side to give Jake de Breydere's visitors a scare.

Doveton still entertain hope of grabbing fourth spot in the league and a place in the 1983 State League Cup competition.

I don't think the Doves will do it and I think they'll have to settle for a draw on Sunday against Northcote at John Cain Reserve.

Croatia v Ajax (draw) at Olympic Park, Sunday, 3 pm.  
Sunshine v GEORGE CROSS at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Altona v Ringwood (draw) at Kim Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.  
Croydon v Hakoah (draw) at Croydon Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

FRANKSTON v Juventus at Centenary Park, Sunday, 3 pm.  
NORTHCOTE v Doveton (draw) at John Cain Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

## TUTILL NABS WIN FOR FRANKSTON

NORTHCOTE 2 (Campbell 2, Sahnidis 2, o.g.)  
FRANKSTON 3 (Tutill 2, Egan 1)



Charlie Egan — Frankston goal machine

### TEAM OF THE WEEK

PASMAN (R'wood)	GARDINER (Ajax)	STEWART (F'ton)	WILKINSON (G.Cross)
ADAMS (Croatia)	P. BANNON (Croatia)	HOLFORD (F'ton)	
WHYTE (Altona)	MACLEOD (Ajax)	McROBERT (S'shine)	

**Crucial miss**  
*by Innes*

GEORGE CROSS 1 (Gambin) ALTONA 0.

GEORGE CROSS: Gay 5 — Morgan 6, Mairland 7, Wilkinson 8, McManus 9, Farmer 6 (Mizzi 70th), Rippy 6; Gambin 5, Papas 5, Toal 8, T. Kent 5 (McCann H.T. 6).  
ALTONA: Menishi 7 — Thom 3rd, Cooper 1, Cooper 3, Hamill 70th; K. Wilson 7, Jones 8, Mercer 7, Innes 8 — Watters 5, Whyte 8, Little 7.

### STATE LEAGUE

GG-AJAX.....	14	2	3	40	10	30
CROATIA.....	11	6	2	38	15	28
CROYDON CITY.....	8	7	4	33	21	23
GEORGE CROSS.....	10	2	7	27	18	22
DOVETON.....	5	11	3	22	21	21
HAKOAH.....	5	8	6	23	31	18
NORTHCOTE CITY.....	7	4	8	31	42	18
FRANKSTON CITY.....	7	3	9	28	29	17
SUNSHINE CITY.....	7	3	9	29	31	17
WILHELMINA.....	5	4	10	25	40	14
JUVENTUS.....	4	4	11	15	33	12
ALTONA CITY.....	2	4	13	18	38	8

Altona's Kevin Innes must be rueing his crucial last minute miss when he blasted the ball over from four metres.

And Damien Morgan almost qualified for the best own goal of the year when he decided to pass back to keeper Oliver Gay from 35 metres out. Morgan sent the ball sailing over Gay's head and onto the upright. The ball bounced back, allowing Gay to retrieve it. It was indicative of Altona's luck in this match.

Cross scored in the first minute when Rathman Mermish mistimed his jump for a Paul Gambin cross, allowing the ball to go over his head and into the roof of the net.

Cross had three good chances in the second half but Altona put Billy Wilkinson and Norm Maitland under pressure for long periods. I know it's getting repetitive but Altona's finishing is woeful.

Altona player-coach Billy Whyte created five clear cut chances for his team mates.

Maybe next year the Kim Reserve side will entice a quality finisher into its fold as it strives to regain its State League status.

## CANNELL SENT OFF!

### Top scorers

General Tourist sponsors our State League Top Scorer award.

The winner receives a return trip for two to Italy.

Scoring area:

16. I. Loughnane (Croy), McAleod (CGA).

15. Egan (F).

12. Sahnidis (N).

JUVENTUS: Hawks 6 — Curcio 7, Smith 6, Cunningham 6, Heery 5 (Corbett 75th) — Ristovski 5 (Vecaro 70th), Incantelupo 7.

Stuart Cannell was sent off in the 60th minute after clashing with Juventus youngster Paolo Incantelupo but once reduced to 10 men Ajax took up a challenge and ran out a convincing winner.

Cannell now is ineligible for the Rothmans Medal.

Gerry Bennett was injured in the 35th minute and was replaced by Jim Williams. David Hobgen switched back to full back allowing Williams to full back.

Macleod outjumped everyone in the 70th minute to score with a fine header and Billy Morrey completed Juve's

adoption of his customary midfield role.

The Green Gully Reserve locals played well against a stiff breeze in the first half and took the lead when Gus Macleod headed Kevin Wall's cross back across goal to Kit Grechian who volleyed it from near the penalty spot.

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# Raul is released from Marconi's torture chamber



**Mike Johnson**

The final fall of Raul Blanco at Marconi was the last act of a modern Roman tragedy.

From early season thousands of Soccer followers throughout the country waited weekly for the announcement of his resignation.

When at last it came it must have been a relief to Blanco and to those who knew how he had been stretched to breaking point by the Marconi rack.

Of course there are others who say that he did not have to implant himself into the Marconi manager's office which for him turned out to be a torture chamber.

They say he had to pay the penalty as all coaches do for poor results.

Indeed Blanco has paid the penalty.

He will keep paying it for many years to come as he tries to re-establish himself as a successful member of the coaching profession.

Ironically, I started Raul Blanco on the slippery dip which has dumped him with a thump to the foot of the coaching ladder.

Two years ago, he was riding high as a feted and successful coach with Melita (Sydney) which he got promoted into Stage league and took into the final four the following year after a sustained run in the Ampol Cup.

There was talk of him becoming the next national coach amid speculation that he would be Rudi Gutendorf's assistant. West Adelaide wanted him.

St. George BSC was struggling in Philips league and its president, Alex Pongrass, called me on the phone to come to his office where he asked me to nominate a successor to St. George coach, Joseph Gelei, who Pongrass said he was going to sack.

I nominated Blanco as the only Sydney coach of stature who might be able to get away from the club at that mid-season stage.

Also, he coached a skilful brand of short passing soccer which the Hungarian members of the St. George club appreciate.

Subsequently I arranged a meeting between Blanco and Pongrass and Raul eventually was signed on a two year contract.

At the end of the season Pongrass thanked me when the club narrowly escaped relegation under Blanco's guidance.

The following year the club was relegated to State league.

It came as a huge surprise when the top team in the land then appointed Blanco to its coaching job vacated by Les Scheinflug.

The Marconi job always was going to be a difficult one with the demands on the players from Australia's World Cup campaign.

However, when you have just lost a coaching job and Real Madrid or Manchester United comes for you, you don't turn them down, no matter what the expected problems.

I, more than any other person in this country, am aware of the problems Blanco faced.

I faced them seven years previously with St. George when I was manager coach of a team which had eight players in the national team squad.

Three times I had the team on top of the league and each time after a lengthy spell in a national team camp we lost games and the league leadership, eventually finishing third in the table.

After a demanding close season in 1973 by Rasic's national team, similar to that undergone by the Gutendorf team which took such toll of Marconi players, I made a decision to curtail basic training for my national team players, in the knowledge that eight of my players were going to Germany in May.

To cut a long story short I lost my position in late season, with St. George fifth, just as Blanco has lost his job now.

Blanco carried major burdens in his last two coaching stints, which brought him undone.

At St. George he misjudged the difference in standard between the State league and the Philips league.

While with Melita he continually stated that his Melita team was not far behind Philips league teams in ability, an opinion which seemed justified because of Melita good results against Marconi and St. George in the Ampol Cup.

Blanco backed this erroneous judgement when he joined Saints and bought numerous State league players who eventually proved that there is a marked difference between Philips league and State league.

At Marconi not only did Blanco have the problems of national team commitments on his best players, he also was in charge of a team whose style was geared to the tearaway running of the three strikers, Jankovics, Sharne and Krnec.

These players wanted the ball played early to them.

They are dynamic, running type players, unsuited to the patient, short passing build-ups which Blanco prefers.

When I read early season reports that he was trying to slow down the Marconi game I felt there could be trouble and I was right.

Toward the end he realised his mistake and settled for a long ball game, more similar to the British style of play.

Blanco is a pleasant man and has amassed numerous friends in the game, including the media, because of his cheerful outlook and civilised manner.

These relationships and this civilised approach have helped him retain his last two jobs when other more abrasive personalities may have been pushed out more prematurely.

My style would be the opposite of Raul Blanco, but I do not agree that pleasantness prevents coaching success.

Blanco succeeded previously with his approach to coaching and life. He tells me he will not quit, but will try to succeed again.

It is a long haul, as I have found.

But if you love the game, as you do Raul, it is worth it.



"Rocky" Tachiris, goalkeeper of Victorian State League club Northcote, flies to Austria on Monday, August 24 to trial with First Division club Admira Wacker.

Tachiris, 21, is in his second season with the Northerners after an extensive junior career with South Melbourne Hellas.

The youngster works part time at the Vital Sports Centre in Melbourne and a workmate arranged for him to head for the professional hustle and bustle of European soccer.

Tachiris has responded well with Admira president Frank Geschel, currently in Madrid on the look out for players to bolster Admira's championship challenge for the 1981-82 season.

Geschel's club finished in the top four of the First Division last season.

Tachiris joined Northcote in 1980 from Provisional League club Clifton Hill. The young keeper earned his nickname of "Rocky" after clashing with Juventus star Bobby McGuinness in the 1981 Ampol Cup. McGuinness now plays with Queensland State League club Townsville.

Tachiris started as a junior with Hellas when he was nine years old. He spent the first six months of competitive soccer on the right wing. Present day Hellas second string keeper Lou Tsigas was

goalkeeper at the time but Tsigas was injured before a junior cup final and the reserve keeper didn't turn up.

Tachiris was asked to go into goal which he did but Hellas was beaten 4-2 in that final.

"It was a nerve racking experience for a 10 year old, playing in goal for the first time and a cup final at that," said Tachiris.

"You have to be confident to do well as a keeper. You have to have control of your mind because you are responsible for everything, the good and the bad."

"Some people say you have to be crazy to be a keeper. They say we're a different breed. Maybe we are. There's not too many players who relish diving at the feet of an opponent

play with the school team. My family wanted me to concentrate upon my studies but gradually they came to see that soccer was playing an increasing part in my life."

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## Davidson tops in Tassie

New Zealander Brian Davidson is a unique figure in Tasmanian soccer.

He is the only capped international player here (he played for New Zealand against Sunderland, Hearts, Spurs and Iran); he is the only player to have won the Rothmans Gold Medal twice (in 1979 and 1980); and he is the fastest player in Tasmania.

Davidson, 27, is player-coach of State League side Georgetown, currently in third place.

Born in Masterton, he played in the New Zealand National League with Wellington Diamond United, the champions in 1976, before moving to Essendon Croatia in 1977. He scored five league goals and eight cup goals for Croatia during its best ever season when it won the league, the State League Cup, the Ampol Cup, and reached the final of the Doherty Cup. The team's forward line of that era was probably the best he's ever played in.

Davidson is the archetypal footballer. He has the perfect physique for a soccer player.

He has powerful legs, is well-balanced, and has phenomenal speed over both short and long distances. He also has a powerful, accurate shot. He worked on his speed as a youngster, doing a lot of hill-climbing and sprint work at training.

Allied to his physical attributes, Davidson has the right sort of temperament. He is an affable character, both on and off the field.

He takes a lot of 'stick' from lesser opponents but never retaliates. He prefers to walk away from incidents and get on with the game.

Davidson has mixed feelings about coaching at such a relatively young age.

"For any young person with a lot to offer as a player, it's a real burden. It can be disappointing too, especially when you build a good side yet can't seem to put it together. Being a player-coach is even harder."

Davison believes that Tasmania must get a team into the PSL Imports are helping Tasmanian soccer but he believes that the imports tend to lose their professional attitude after they have been here for a time. The trouble with Tasmanian players is that they lack confidence and they haven't got the right attitude.

He is pleased with his move to Georgetown, a team from the very north of the State.

A season away from Hobart could do me the world of good. I went to

Georgetown for a 'break'. I was under a lot of pressure last year and I was in a bit of a rut."

He is pleased with the club's training facilities.

"We have a fully floodlit training ground and plenty of balls. We're not lacking anything".

Many teams complain about Georgetown's home ground but the club has spent \$2000 on it this season. Part of this sum was spent on a new drainage system.

Georgetown's third placing this season has been a little disappointing for Davidson.

"We have an over-abundance of individual skill but we lack team cohesion. When the boys want to play they're brilliant."

The team has three other imports, Peter Davidson and Jeff Wahrick, also from New Zealand, and Steve Morely, an Englishman who migrated to New Zealand when he was 12 years old.

Davidson was non-committal about his future. He is contracted to Georgetown until the end of the season. The team is in the



**Brian Davidson**

partner-finals of both the Ampol and Cadbury Cups so there's still plenty to aim for and ample opportunity to make amends for a somewhat disappointing league season.

Al that Tasmanian fans can hope for is that Davidson decides to continue his career in Tasmania. Tasmanian soccer certainly needs him.

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### The best Soccer Books around. Brian Moore and Martin Tyler

While researching this sparkling illustrated review of outstanding soccer matches in the 1970s, Brian Moore and Martin Tyler, two of Britain's best-known commentators, met with an unexpected outbreak of Nazi-style Conflict. The book's title, "The Big Matches", was coined by the official tournament administrator, Ted Taylor. When asked about the first replay in Stoke's protracted 1972 League Cup semi-final battle with West Ham, they had: "Going back to 1970, Bobby Moore and Franz Beckenbauer were at odds over the sequence of events in Leon when Colin Bell came on for Bobby Charlton. Bell came on just after I had scored Germany's first goal," said Beckenbauer. But the former England captain maintained that Bell was already on the field when Beckenbauer scored. Who was right?

In their review of the decade, the authors have chosen one great match or series of matches to represent each year. In their search for the right mixture of events, they have relied at every level the best that the game had to offer, from award-winning goals to Cup-tie piracy at Layer Road, Colchester.

It was a decade when two host countries — Germany and Argentina — won the World Cup, while the British record transfer fee soared from 160,000 pounds (Allan Clarke to Leeds from Leicester) to 1.5 million pounds (Graeme Souness to Aston Villa). When the European Cup was won by a team from outside Europe, it was West Ham, and then Nottingham Forest engraved English names on the European Cup — when the Dutch national side raised soccer to a new plane, but went home two-time losers.

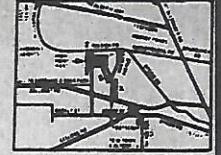
In The Big Matches the authors encapsulate the spirit of soccer in the 1970s. Their story is sharply illustrated with photographs, diagrams of great goals and news story pages that round up the chief events of each year. Those were the days!

\*A re-run of the match film gives the verdict to Beckenbauer.

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# Vics strong for school tournament

**Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia will compete in the Australian Secondary Schools' soccer championship at Melbourne's Elwood soccer grounds in Ormond Esplanade from Sunday, August 23.**

The finals will be played at Olympic Park.

Monday August 24: 10 a.m. Group 1 WA v VIC, Group 2 QLD v NSW, 1.30 p.m. Open ing Ceremony, 2 p.m. Ringwood United Seniors.

John Kalamboski (Northcote High). A winger with explosive pace and good ball control. Plays for South Melbourne Hellas Junior Teams.

Bobby Karevski (Laker Tech). Uses his height well in conjunction with good foot coordination to provide attacking moves. Playing for Preston's Division Two team.

Bill Lazopoulos (Camberwell High). A tall winger with speed who can assist in defense to drive the ball into attack because of his abundance of stamina. Plays for Hawthorn City seniors.

Carlos Lizama (Essendon Tech). A skilful player who can control a ball before creating a pinpoint pass. Plays with Hotham United.

Eddie Ormond (Karingal High). Can play in a number of positions with equally good results. Has good reflexes and ball control for a tall player. Plays with Frankston City.

Lou Petrov (Swingtree Tech). An aggressive attacker with small frame belies his ability to gain his line.

Savas Sagman (Melbourne High). A fast, creative user of a ball. Has the capacity to run and sprint for an entire game.

Martin Sammut (Strathmore High). An attacking full back with an explosive shot. Has calm, purposeful approach to a game. In Kellar's Senior team.

Paul Tzintsis (Oakleigh High). A central defender with a pur pose not to be underestimated. Presently with Northcote City.

Gerald Ilhan (Broadmeadows High). A strong attacker with accurate ball control in front of goal. A difficult player to dispossess.

David Bibovic (Kealba High). An attacking midfielder with calm, purposeful control of his skills. Presently playing with Footscray J.U.S.T. reserves.

Aydin Bol (Brunswick High). Has ability to read a game and direct his team's fortunes from his midfield position. Captain of the team!

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